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STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing of a first Office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

No fee or certification is required.

PART II: Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

PART III: Explanation of Non-English Language References and Remarks Concerning Other Information Cited

The following is a concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08):

The relevance of each of JP 62-267895 and JP 62-75587 is understood from the figures and the brief description of each reference found in an English translation of an Office Action received from the Japanese Patent Office in a separate patent application (Japanese Patent Application No.: 2002-578786). The undersigned cannot attest to the technical accuracy of the description and translation. A reproduction of each description is provided below.

Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. Sho 62-267895

Reference 3 discloses a point that, in a coffee percolator, a hot water tank 7 and a hot water supply cylinder 1 are connected via a valve body 16 which vertically moves while the hot water supply cylinder and a raw material cup are connected via a valve body 17 which vertically moves, and compressed air is introduced into the hot water supply cylinder 1, thereby pumping hot water into the raw material cup to percolate coffee. In particular, refer to Figs. 1 and 2.

Japanese Utility Model Application No. Sho 60-167128

(Japanese Utility Model Laid-Open Publication No. Sho 62-075587)

Reference 4 discloses a point that, in a coffee percolator having a shielding member for opening and closing a hot water supply port and an air vent port in a hot water supply cylinder, the hot water supply port and the air vent port are closed by the shielding member when coffee is percolated, and compressed air is supplied in the hot water supply cylinder to pump hot water into a raw material cup 2/filter block 3 placed in a lower position.

PART IV: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08) be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
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Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his or her own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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		JP	62-75587			05/14/1987	No

OTHER ART — NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

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